achieve industrialisation through exports; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) It is widely recognised that while traditional commodities, including agricultural products, must make their contribution to India's exports, the major growth in the future would have to come from the manufacturing sector and value added items. Government have taken a series of initiatives designed to generate *inter alia* surpluses of manufactured good for exports, to induce the production of goods contemporary in technology and competitive in prices and to make the exports profitable.

Nagaland Government's response to Sundaram Committee Report

2773. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nagaland Government is agreeable to accept the Sundaram Committee Report;

(b) if not, what effective steps are proposed to be taken in this regard by the Government of India; and

(c) whether it is not binding on the part of a State to accept the opinion of a Commission or Committee instituted by the Government of India for a specific purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) Shri K. V. K. Sundaram went into the boundary problem between the Government of Assam and Nagaland as an Adviser in the Ministry of Home Affairs. When he demitted office, he left behind a record of his studies of the different aspects of the problem. Copies of this study were made available to the then Chief Ministers of the two States in January, 1979 to enable them to identify their differences with reference to the study and endeavour to resolve them to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution. But their differences have been persisting.

As for the steps proposed to be taken in the matter, it may be mentioned that in pursuance of the recommendations of the Shastri Commission which went into the clashes between the police forces of the two States in Merapani area in June, 1985, efforts are under way to appoint a Commission/Arbitrator with the consent of the two State Governments with agreed terms of reference.

Import of insecticides and potassium cyanide through Kandla port

2774. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that deadly insecticides and also potassium cyanide are being imported through Kandla port; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Raw materials for the manufacture of pesticides, herbicides, acrylic fibre and ABC powder have been imported by industries at Kandla through the Kandla Port for processing. Five units in the Kandla Free Trade Zone manufacture and export pesticides and herbicides utilising imported raw materials. The Ports and Customs authorities have regulated these imports in terms of the Section 38(1)(b) of the Insecticide Act, 1968.

It has been reported that in January 1988, owing to wrong declaration of goods by the ship's agent, Kandla Port Trust permitted discharge of a commodity included in the schedule to the Insecticides Act, 1968. Show cause notice has been issued to the shipping agent by Kandla Port Trust for wrong declaration/variation in description. Two containers with description of goods as Electroplating Salt Granual (Potassium Cyanide) were imported by two different vessels in May/June 1987. These containers have been confiscated by Customs for non-payment of duty and fine. The importers have gone to Court. The cargo cannot be cleared till the matter is settled in the Court. These containers have been stored in a fenced area specially earmarked for hazardous cargo.

Transfer of accounting functions from the Indian audit and accounts department

2775. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed a Committee on the issue of Transfer of Accounting Functions from the Indian Audit and Accounts Department to various State Governments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

(c) whether the Committee has made any recommendations; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

Survey to assess availabilty of water in the underground rivers

2776. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by Government to assess the existence and availability of water from the underground rivers in the country; and

(b) the usefulness of Remote Sensing Technology *via* satellite to unearth the hidden ground water resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Government have conducted hydrogeological surveys in an area of about 24.2 lakh sq. km. for ascertaining ground water conditions in the country.

(b) Satellite based remote sensing techniques are a useful aid in delineating features indicative of groundwater occurrence.

Remarks of Central Ministers on loan melas in Tripura

2777. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the Chief Minister of Tripura regarding remarks of Central Ministers about loan melas in that State; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.